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OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK DINNER IS COMING SOON:

Date: April 5, 1983

Day: Tuesday

Time: No-host bar: 6p.m.
Dinner: 7p.m.

Place: Veterans Memorial Building (lower floor)
Mt. Diablo Blvd. and First Street, Lafayette

OUR SPECIAL GUEST AND SPEAKER WILL BE ERNIE MARRINER:

Everybody knows Ernie, who has been City Manager since our incorporation in 1968.

Will he "spill the beans" and give us the inside story on some of the problems encountered over the past years? That remains to be seen (or heard). In any event, we'll enjoy his comments, since Ernie is now an important part of our city's history. In addition, since he and Pru (our treasurer) are moving to Maine in mid-April, this will be almost our last chance to say goodby to a couple whose friendship we've enjoyed so much.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

The nominating committee of the Society's Board has selected the following candidates for election to the board:

Ray Peters
Richard Johnson
Belinda Quintana
Sandy Kimball

Elections will take place during the Annual Meeting.

THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE

Be sure to buy your tickets before dinner. The prize will be a large, framed historical picture of early Lafayette.

POTLUCK CONTRIBUTIONS

We need your food! A potluck dinner gives our many gourmet cooks a chance to demonstrate their abilities. Please show us what kind of gourmets you can cook. Call Chris Schreiber at 284-7538 (res.) or 284-1353 (bus.) to find out what she would prefer you to bring.

A TOUR DIRECTOR

The Society's trip to the restored State Capitol Building last Fall was very successful. Since that interesting and informative trip many have been asking, "Where to next?". It has been suggested that a historical trip to Monterey would be a logical sequel. (Following in the footsteps of Elam Brown, who journeyed there to help formulate the State's first Constitution.)

A trip like that requires a Tour Director - someone to plan and organize the excursion. As a matter of fact, the Tour Director is the only missing ingredient. Who would like to fill that role? Please call Ray Peters at 284-4124 if you are interested.

THE NEWSLETTER

We must unfortunately announce that, because of other commitments Lucy Wait will no longer be able to perform her excellent job of preparing this Newsletter. We're sorry you are retiring from this spot, Lucy; but we understand. Thanks for all the superb work you've done.

After the publication of this issue of the Newsletter, we will be short one Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in performing this fascinating function, experienced or not, please contact Ray Peters. (284-7799).

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The Newsletter of the Lafayette Historical Society is the medium through which we communicate with our members. It is also the instrument through which our members can share their knowledge with all of us and thus enrich our wealth of historical facts about our town.

After serving as editor of our newsletter for three years, I have to resign at the closing of this year's activities in June. I am calling on you to take my place and to have the opportunity to do a truly enjoyable job.

You will be asked to produce from three to four short newsletters a year; you have to contact the board members and the general membership who have the information to be published, and you can enjoy the search for a fact, a short story, an anecdote or any other subject related to the history of Lafayette to be shared with the readers.

It is the good will and the participation of the membership that makes organizations such as ours thrive and reach their goals. Let Ray Peters hear from you.

HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE: THEORY ON CREEK EROSION

"...it will be acknowledged that the pioneer families of Township Number Two were those of Hon. Elam Brown, and Nathaniel Jones. The country in its general aspect has been greatly changed since their arrival, especially in the matter of ditches, many of these which now are of considerable magnitude, being then mere drains. The prime cause of this we believe to have been the breaking of the upper crust of the soil by the tramping of stock, which increased in numbers year by year and consequently caused the greater damage as their hundreds were changed into thousands."

(Slocum, History of Contra Costa County, 1882)

NEEDED

Volunteers to assist in organizing and cataloging our archives. If you'd like to start playing a more active role in the Historical Society, this is an excellent way to discover the very interesting articles we have. Please call Betsy Willcuts at 283-0706, if you'd like to help.

MONTEREY

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Pot Luck Dinner for the proposed trip to Monterey in the Fall. Please think about your preferences in advance, (it might be a one day trip, or a two day trip with overnight lodging, we might charter a bus.) If you know of a place in that vicinity that could accomodate our group at a reasonable cost, let us know.

COMPLETE - TEAR OFF - MAIL WITH DUES

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ DATE _____

Classification: (Circle one)	Student	Family	Business	Life
	$2.50	$5.00	$50.00	$100

SPECIAL INTERESTS: PLEASE CHECK IF YOU CAN HELP

____ Historic Preservation
____ Landmarks
____ Community Observer
____ Oral History
____ Typing
____ Other (describe)

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____ Field Trips
____ Photographs
____ Research
____ Newspaper Clippings
____ Phoning

Name, Address & Phone Number of friends interested in joining:

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Comments:

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